

Meeting minutes for A&S Committee meeting 3/16/11

Present: Carlotta Parr (CP), Lauren Perdue (LP), Paul Karpuk (PK), Mary Erdman (Sociology), Louise Williams (LW), Robert Wolff (RW), Mark Jackson (MJ), Jakub Kazecki (JK), Chris Marquette (CM), Robbin Smith (RoS), Betsy Dobbs-McAuliffe (BDM), Adele Miller (AM), Nara Mijid (NM), Don Adams (DA), Reginald Simmons (RS), Steve Watton (SW).

Meeting called to order at 3:18pm.

Minutes from 2/16 meeting approved.

OLD BUSINESS

(1 & 3) HIST482 and SOC480. The Polish-American Immigrant and Ethnic Community. Moved and passed as a package. HIST482 to be crosslisted with SOC480. SOC480 created by changing number from SOC423 (SOC482 not available as a course number). Items were approved at last subcommittee meeting, but was held up in GS.

(2) SCI412. Elementary Science Methods. Deferred until SEPS has dealt with the item.

(18) HIST585. Graduate course addition of Modern World History. Represented by LW. Moved and passed.

(19) Program addition of Minor in Polish American Studies. Wording of electives changed to read: HIST 482/SOC 480 The Polish-American Immigrant and Ethnic Community. Discussion issues focused on the issue of housing the minor in History versus International Studies, and concerns over definition of the Polish language requirement, since most students would be native speakers. DA moved to defer the item to the main meeting to allow HIST, IS and Modern Languages to resolve the various issues. Passed.

(20) Addition of Minor in Public History. Moved and approved with addition of HIST405 which had been omitted in error.

(21) Addition of statement requiring state-mandated fingerprinting and background checks for all students taking field experience courses. Moved and seconded. Discussion centered on intrusive and onerous nature of the state mandate. There was general agreement that while we may not like the law, the item is necessary to ensure students are able to take the courses. Approved with one abstention.

(22) Discussion of Curriculum Committee Bylaws Revision - main points of discussion

(1) The idea of pushing the task of finding student reps onto SGA was popular, and you were charged with checking with the Deans and SGA to make sure it would be OK.

(2) A&S was in favor of a deadline for getting reps to CC, but suggested "End of Spring semester" as the deadline for chairs to respond.

(3) General agreement that the language for non-participation needs to include a punitive component, but notification of chairs should be the limit (emails to Dean and Provost were considered excessive given that junior professors could be involved). Reginald suggested 3 strikes (rather than 4) to stop a department from submitting to CC in a given year, but PK pointed out that they probably wouldn't care anyway (as an aside, I wonder if going into the following semester wouldn't be more effective). It was suggested that the chair of the committee could provide more info to new members, but no specific language was suggested (and probably not necessary). Caution on the language concerning which meetings should be counted (i.e. subcommittee vs. full committee) as constituting "consecutive absences" was raised... didn't really seem to get resolved, but it's probably a helpful clarifying point.

(4) The automatic resubmission idea met with general agreement that if a proposal had encountered that much resistance, the resubmission shouldn't be automatic.

(5) Much discussion on university-wide proposals; the language suggestions boiled down to involving "notification of all departments, evidence of review by 2/3 of departments and evidence of review by (maybe approval of? There I'm not 100% clear) affected Deans" was generally approved.

Meeting adjourned 4:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Watton, Secretary, Arts and Sciences subcommittee.

